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A PERSONAL NOTE:

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else. I am now on Facebook. The Friends of Old-time Radio Convention is also on Facebook and is run by Sean Dougherty. This issue is going out early so you can see the schedule of our convention in plenty of time.

The 2010 FOURTH REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just off the press. Much new information; Cost is \$57 for new buyers. If you bought any of the books before, the cost is \$47. Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

CONVENTION 2011: This is our 36th convention and final convention, Dates are Oct 20 – 23, 2011 at the Ramada Plaza, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>

CONVENTION 2010: 2010 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures. Pens are also available for \$1.25

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Five years ago, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; -**The Old Radio Times, #56**; articles about Baron Keyes and Air Castle; Lum and Abner; early FOTR conventions; -**Radio Recall**, Aug; articles about Escape and Harold Teen; -**RCA Newsletter**; July; article about The Great Gildersleeve; -**The Jack Benny Times**; Sep –ß Dec; many articles including an interview with Zubin Mehta

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; -Many books are from **McFarland** ; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 1129, Duncan, OK 73534; 580-252-3547 <Bearmanormedia.com> <benohmart@gmail.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio); -**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>

FROM McFarland; Radio in the Movies; A History and Filmography, 1926-2010
by Laurence Etling ; Foreword by Kenneth Jurkiewicz; notes, bibliography, filmography,
index; 238pp. softcover (6 x 9) 2011
Price: \$45.00
About the Book

This richly detailed examination of two branches of American entertainment focuses on the various ways that radio stations and air personalities have been depicted in motion pictures, from 1926's *The Radio Detective* to more recent films like 2006's *A Prairie Home Companion*. Cinematic portrayals of various aspects of radio are covered, including disc jockeys, sports broadcasts, religious programs, and the talk-radio format. Such films as *The Big Broadcast* (1932), *Reveille with Beverly* (1943), *Mister Rock and Roll* (1957), *WUSA* (1970), *Radio Days* (1987) and *Private Parts* (1997) provide fascinating insights not only into their own times, but also into the historical eras that some of these films have endeavored to recreate. A chronological filmography of more than 600 titles is included.

CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

6th Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 21 – 24, 2011. Hunt Valley Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or <<http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>>

36th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 20 – 23, 2011 (**Final convention**) at the **Ramada Plaza Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn)**, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 728-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL; I am listing those individuals who have an OLD-time radio program on the air or on the internet. If you aren't listed or you want to change the information, send me the exact wording. This list was in the last issue of Hello Again and is now a separate file. If you want it, please email me. I will send it as a PDF file.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>; **Let me know if any are out of date.**

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**);-**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <reponline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> **Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/douglas Kosmonek>> new e-mail is <douglas Kosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <<http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>>. (also) <<http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>>;-**Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>;-**Old time Radio Researchers Group** <<http://www.otrr.org>>;-For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** <<http://www.otrrlibrary.org>>;-For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars,check out **OTRRPedia** located at <<http://www.otrrpedia.org>>;-**Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe>. **Peter Tatchell** <laughterlog.com>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039; <www.old-time.com/mccoy.html> **Jerry**

Haendiges, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-283-9770); <asajb2000@yahoo.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brcradio.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater **Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.olderadio.com> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritagerradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast> **Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/pop shoppe>

IN FOND MEMORY: **Linda Christian**, Jul 22, 87; actress; (Lux); **Billy Grammer**, Aug 10, 85; country singer (Grand Ole Opry)

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970; The first OTR convention was in 1971; The Friends of Old-time Radio started in 1976

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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CONVENTION 2011: UPDATE # 2

October 20 – 23, 2011

General Information

All information about **Seating, Ads, Registration, Rooms** are on the first update that came with the flyer. **Please pre register.** Those coming for the day will save \$5 a day by pre registering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you pre register. Don't forget the package prices. Remember: **Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$10 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres.** The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only.

If you wish to stay for the re-creations at night and you do not stay for dinner, the cost is \$20.

Guest Changes

Additional Guests: The Delicates, Bob Daniel (Brace Beemer's Grandson)

Not coming: Dave Parker; Mae Granito; Rosemary Rice

Dealers

There are a few tables left.

Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 5th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure you have made the arrangements.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention. We also will have tote bags for sale. We also will have several Auctions. If you have unusual items that we can auction, let me know.

Books

Books on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (*): Some authors will have their own tables;

All will be sold at reduced prices as noted. Anne Francis by Laura Wagner \$29; Broadcasting Baseball by Eldon Ham \$31; Jennifer Jones by Paul Green \$27; *Laughs, Luck and Lucy by Jess and Gregg Oppenheimer \$10; Radio in the Movies by Lawrence Etling \$36; Radio Speakers by Jim Cox \$27

Also many of Ben Ohmart's books will be for sale at his table; Others, such as Martin Grams and Jim Manago, will also be selling their own books.

Let me know by e-mail what books you want including mine so I can have enough.

My Fourth Revised Ultimate History will be for sale again. I won't have too many at the convention so let me know if you might be buying it. I will also have my first supplement for my 4th Ultimate History. This is my largest supplement to date

Hotel

Don't forget to reserve your rooms quickly. They may very soon be all sold out. Follow information on original flyer

SCHEDULE – 2011 (Up to date)

All programs in the Lenox/Tiffany Rooms; All re-creations in the Dresden/Lenox/Tiffany Rooms
Readings, meetings in the Ascot Room
Rehearsals in the Dresden Room (All rehearsals are closed unless specified otherwise)
Dealers in Conference and Waterford Rooms

SCHEDULE – 2011

Wednesday: Dealers tables and possibly sound equipment set up at night
Complimentary Wine and cheese from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Thursday

Dealers Rooms 9 am - 5:30 pm

9:00 - 9:45 - "Radio Rarities" with Neal Ellis, Martin Grams, Jr. and Ken Stockinger

10:00 - 10:50 - "The Funniest Radio Bloopers and Out takes" - Gregg Oppenheimer

11:00 - 12:00 - Gary Yoggy will present the "real lowdown" on WALTER WINCHELL: Newscaster or Gossip Monger?"
12:15 - 1:15 OTR Historians Panel with Derek Tague, presenting OTR & Vitaphone.
1:30 - 2:45 Authors Panel with Arthur Anderson, Jim Manago; hosted by Mel Simons (All authors who wrote Radio-related books since our last convention are welcome. Let me know
3:15 - 4:15 - Michael Biel - Ed Wynn's Amalgamated Broadcasting System
4:30 - 5:30 - One on One with Ben Ohmart with Arthur Anderson

5:30 - 8:00 - Cocktails and Dinner; raffle
8:00 - 8:30 - Those Were the Days Radio Players present Easy Aces "Jane Serves on a Jury" starring Michael C Gwynne and the "Those Were the Days" players directed by Randy Larson
8:45 - 9:15 - Jay Stern with Craig Wichman presents: Escape "King of the Beasts" - original script by Michael Murphy; with Christina Britton Conroy, Larry Conroy, Michael Gwynne, Bobb Lynes, Kevin Scullin and Craig Wichman.
9:30 - 10:00 - Jay Stern with Craig Wichman presents: Theater 5 "The Widow"; with Michael Gwynne, Will Hutchins, Elaine Hyman, Bobb Lynes, Corinne Orr, Barbara Watkins, and Craig Wichman. (Special thanks to Bill Nadel.)

Friday Morning and Afternoon

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
9:00 - 9:45 - The Big Broadcast with Rich Conaty and Bob Madison
10:00 - 11:00 - Best of the West (Jack French)
11:15 - 12:30 - Anthony Tollin reminisces with Video Clips of past guests
1:00 - 2:15 - Martin Grams, Jr; Researching the History of Cavalcade of America
2:45 - 4:15 - "Funnies Friday: OTR and the Comics" (9th annual "Funny Friday" Comedy panel), hosted by Maggie Thompson and James Gauthier, with Sal Amendola, Michael Kaluta, Dick Ayers, Danny O'Neil, comic artists
4:45 - 5:30 - (Recreation) THE DAVE WARREN PLAYERS with episodes of 2 of the first shows ever performed by the group: I Love a Mystery and Tom Mix

Friday Evening

5:30 - 8:15 - Cocktails and Dinner, raffle
8:30 - 9:00 - Any Bonds Today" episode "Radio Goes To War" written and directed by Edgar Farr Russell, III and starring Arthur Anderson, Cliff Carpenter, Christina Britton Conroy, Larry Conroy, Ivan Cury, Bob Gibson, Russell Horton, Pat Hosley, Will Hutchins, Simon Jones, Randy Larson, Bobb Lynes, Clive Rice, Lynne Rogers, Jean Rouverol, Frazier N.S. Russell, , leslie Shreve, Barbara Watkins, Craig Wichman, Gary Yoggy, and Dave Zwengler.
9:15 - 9:30 - Peg Lynch and Arthur Anderson "Ethel and Albert:"
9:45 - 10:15 - Anthony Tollin directs an episode of Gunsmoke "Bloody Hands" by John Meston; starring Michael C Gwynne as Matt Dillon; with Will Hutchins, Elaine Hyman, Tommy Cook, Richard Herd, Ivan Cury, Clive Rice and Kathy Garver
10:30 - 10:40 A special presentation by Walt Mitchell

Saturday Morning and Afternoon

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
8:45 - 9:45 - Lone Ranger panel with Fran Foy and Wendy Foy Griffis, hosted by Terry Salomonson; with Jim Nixon and Bob Daniel, grandson of Brace Beemer
10:00 11:00 Children on Radio with George Downes; Guests so far: Nan Warren, Arthur Anderson, Pat Hosley, Kathy Garver, Stuffy Singer, Gloria McMillan
11:15 - 12:00 - The Gotham Radio Players present a recreation of a lost 1939 episode of LIGHTS OUT: "The Giggler". Produced by Max Schmid, directed by Steven M. Lewis.
12:15 - 1:00 - A Visit with Peg Lynch; hosted by Mel Simons
1:15 - 2:15 - The Joe Franklin Show with special Guests: Nan Warren, Diana Canova, Betsy Palmer, George Lefferts
2:45 - 4:15 - Singers, musicians and Big Bands, 15th annual (hosted by Stu Weiss and Brian Gari); Tom Bahler, Paul Evans, The Delicates
4:30 - 5:15 - (Re-creation) Let's Pretend "Jack and the Beanstalk" - directed by Arthur Anderson with Pat Hosley, Rosemary Rice, leslie Shreve, Tommy Cook, Nan Warren, Bobb Lynes, Katie Summers

Saturday Evening

5:30 - 8:30 - Cocktails and Dinner, raffle, awards
8:30 - 9:00 - PHIL HARRIS/ALICE FAYE SHOW ("Phil is Appointed an Hon. Col. in the Confederate Army") starring Richard Herd and Gloria McMillan with Bobby Ramsen, Will Hutchins, Corinne Orr, Tommy Cook, Stuffy Singer, Patricia Herd, Kathy Garver, Ivan Curry and Clive Rice; directed by Gary Yoggy
9:15 - 9:30 - "Ethel and Albert" with Peg Lynch and Arthur Anderson
9:45 - 10:15 - (Re-creation) "My Favorite Husband" (with Diana Canova, Simon Jones, Richard Herd, Betsy Palmer, Tommy Cook, Gloria McMillan, Michael C. Gwynne, Leslie Shreve, Elaine Hyman, Stuffy Singer and Ron Cocking) - directed by Gregg Oppenheimer
10:30 - 10:45 - Closing music with Karen and Jay Hickerson

Sunday Morning

7:00 - 9:30 - Breakfast in the restaurant
9:30 - 11:00 - Informal Panel in the Dresden Room

Please keep in touch. I will be at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday evening, Oct 18
Remember: all convention information is on our web site <fotr.net>.
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